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The present application is a division of U.S. Serial No. 09/481,432, filed January 12, 2000 and entitled "Modulus Stiffening of Hard Discs, which application claims the benefit of United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/115,679, entitled "Modulus Stiffening of Compact Discs", filed January 13, 1999.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims ~~1-11~~.

Remarks

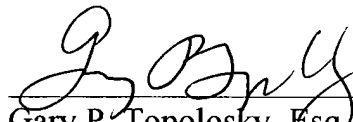
Claims 12-15 remain in the application for subsequent examination and eventual allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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